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Case No. 9683/58

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nobuhiko NAKA

Serial No: 09/462,127

Examiner: HAN, Qi

Filed: December 29, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2654

For: SPEECH DECODER AND SPEECH
DECODING METHOD

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Mail Stop: RCE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.



Applicant is:



a small entity, verified statement is:



attached



already filed



other than small entity

- The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:
 - Attached is a check for the § 1.17(e) fee.
 - Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.
A duplicate copy of this request is attached.
- A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:
 - An Information Disclosure Statement
 - An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
 - New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
 - Other: _____
- A petition and fee for an extension of the time (2 months) is enclosed herewith.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 30, 2003



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9683/58
Serial No. 09/462,127	Filing Date December 29, 1999	Examiner HAN, QI	Group Art Unit 2654
Inventor(s) Nobuhiko NAKA			
Title of Invention SPEECH DECODER AND SPEECH DECODING METHOD			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Request for Continued Examination, 7 Pages of Preliminary Amendment, Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in dup.), Checks for \$770 and \$420 and return postcard.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a 2 month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
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Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9=		x \$18=	
x 43=		x \$86=	
+\$145=		+\$290=	
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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